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SUBJ: ROMANIAN PARTICIPATION IN PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE

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WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF CEAUSESCU RAISED THIS SUBJECT WITH PRESIDENT FORD IN AUGUST 2-3 TALKS.
CEAUSESCU HAS HARPED FOR SOME TIME PUBLICLY FOR MORE "DEMOCRATIC" DECISION-MAKING ON GREAT INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS SUCH AS WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER AND DISARMAMENT, AND HAS BEEN LONGTIME CRITIC OF SMALLER GROUPS OF POWERS TAKING DECISIONS THAT AFFECT OTHERS. MORE RECENTLY, ROMANIAN PRESS HAS HINTED THAT ROMANIA WOULD BE SEEKING MORE DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE. IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR JULY 25, FONMIN MACOVESCU CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD NOT BE DRAWN OUT ON SPECIFICALLY HOW ROMANIA WOULD

PROPOSE TO INSERT ITSELF IN PROCESS, BUT HE
FORCEFULLY REPEATED GOR LINE AGAINST CLOSED GROUPS
DICTATING TO OTHERS AND THAT FORUM NEEDED TO BE FORMED
WHERE ALL CONCERNED COULD HAVE A VOICE. HE MENTIONED HE HAD
EARLIER TOLD FRENCH THAT THEIR INTERNATIONAL ENERGY
APPROACH WOULD WITHER THROUGH UNREPRESENTATIVENESS.
ALTHOUGH ROMANIA INCREASINGLY IDENTIFIES WITH THIRD WORLD
POSITIONS, MACOVESCU TOLD AMBASSADOR GOR WOULD EVINCE SAME
CONCERN FOR CONSTRUCTIVE COMPROMISE AND REGARD FOR

EVERYONE'S INTERESTS AS HAS ITS PAST DIPLOMACY. WE WOULD ADD THAT ROMANIA'S INCESSANT QUEST FOR HIGH INTERNATIONAL VISIBILITY, AS A COUNTER TO SOVIET PRESSURES, WILL SOONER OR LATER LEAD TO ATTEMPT TO JOIN ENERGY GAME.

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